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1. New Construction:a. Fuel Installations:

- (1) Little progress has been made on a new fuel installation which is now under construction. To date two fuel tanks, each 12 meters in diameter, have been constructed from a series of welded curved steel plates, each measuring two meters by one meter, with a thickness of five millimeters. The framework for the roofing of both tanks is now in position; it is cone-shaped and constructed from sections of angle-iron. The apex of the roof is approximately one meter above the base. The construction of the remaining two fuel tanks of this installation has only progressed as far as the fitting of the lower series of base-plates into the one-meter-thick concrete foundation.
- (2) Work on the construction of a second fuel installation has now commenced, and in the clearing measuring 150 meters x 50 meters, a series of four circular excavations, each measuring about 15 meters by 20 meters, is now partially complete. This installation at present appears to follow the pattern described under (1) above.

b. Roads:

A new road linking the existing concrete road at the southern perimeter with the proposed new fuel installation has now been completely laid out and prepared for concreting when the weather improves. The markings for this road are being extended eastwards beyond the new fuel installation and at present have reached a point 300 meters to the other side.

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2. Ammunition Depot:

In the recently cleared area in Jagens 116 and 117, situated between the main airfield railroad siding and the main highway between Kurtschlag and Zehdenick/Templin, an ammunition depot for the airfield is being constructed.

To date two sidings have been led in from the main airfield loop line. The most easterly siding links up with and runs parallel to the recently constructed 15-meter-wide concrete road which connects the installation with the main Kurtschlag - Zehdenick/Templin road. This concrete road has been laid to a depth of 18 centimeters.

Three large brick buildings, each measuring 35 meters x 25 meters, have been built to a height of ten meters, so far without roofs. The walls of each building are 50 centimeters thick (two bricks placed end to end), and are solid on three sides only, with no windows apparent. The wide westerly front of each of the three buildings is supported by two girder pillars which divide the front into three equal sections, each of the latter having one pair of doors. The walls are built up until they reach the lower branches of the dense pine trees surrounding the site.

Into each of the three buildings a series of six equally spaced narrow-gauge railroad tracks have been laid. These tracks cross the concrete roadway at right angles and link the buildings to the adjoining railroad siding. These lines have been laid flush with the concrete roadway.

Six concrete bases, each measuring eight meters and protruding one meter above the ground, have been built between the railway siding and the parallel concrete road. From conversations with local laborers, it appears that these may be bases for four cranes that are to be erected at a later date.

A transformer recently set up has been linked to an overhead wiring system extending southwards off the site.

Three large mounds of sand, each approximately ten meters high, are situated between the two railway sidings leading to the site.

3. Runway Details:

The entire runway has now been cleared of the narrow gauge-railroad tracks and of all building equipment. Work has been completed on filling in the spacings between each block with tar. The two two-meter square holes, situated at points 24 meters from the eastern end of the concrete runway and 812 meters from the western end of the runway, remain open and no attempts have been made at further excavation, or at filling them in.

4. Personalities:

On two occasions during the reporting period, three senior Soviet Air Force officers have visited the airfield in order to inspect various complexes on the site. These officers arrived in a Skoda car

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The following vehicles have been frequently observed on the airfield:

Mercedes car containing Bau Union officials.

ZIS trucks - drivers wearing black/red shoulderboards.

Phaenomen truck with box-shaped body.

ZIS two-axled truck used for transporting rations to the airfield from nearby barracks.

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**6. General:**

Except for some tree-felling, no work was done between 24 December and 4 January when the area was exposed to severe frost and moderate snow-falls.

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